THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The policy of the Government is not to promote an officer against whom an enquiry as a result of disciplinary action is pending. This policy is also followed in the cases of officers/doctors working in the Ministry and Hospitals/Medical Colleges under Central Government.

(b) No such complaint has been received from Member of Parliament against any Association Professor of Medicine in Maulana Azad Medical College. Moreover, no Associate Professor of Medicine of Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi has been posted to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia *Hospital, New Delhi.*

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Recommendations of Medical Council of India on Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy

2407. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India is competent to recommend guidelines concerning physiotherapy/occupational therapy;

(b) if so, how many such recommendations have been made by the Council during last 10 years; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy is a para medical subject and as such does not fall under the purview of the Medical Council of India. However, the medical students are imparted due training in Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy during their *undergraduate* course. The Council in its recommendations on Post-graduate Medical Education have provided for Post-Graduate degree course in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and diploma course in Occupational Health.

Dismissal of casual employees by the Eastern and Southern Railways

2408. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern and Southern Railways have recently dismissed a large number of casual employees;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total number of the casual employees at present in all the Zones; and

(d) what is the number of casual employees in the Railways who have been working as such for more than two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Performance of Indian Shipping

2409. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian shipping which had been showing a steady growth every year has registered a decline during 1985;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons therefor;

(c) what has been the total percentage of decline; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve the performance of the Indian shipping?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During 1985 more tonnage was scrapped compared to tonnage added, which resulted in decline in Indian shipping tonnage.